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STATUS MEMO REGARDING MAXIMIZING THE UTILIZATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FUNDING (ITEM NO. 46-A, AGENDA OF JULY 14, 2015)

Pursuant to a July 14, 2015 motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl, the Board instructed the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Probation Officer to work with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), and any other requisite parties, to report back within 21 days with an amended spending plan that allows for the immediate allocation of \$1,000,000 to fund critical programs and services delivered by community-based organizations in each Supervisorial District.

Background

California Government Code (GC) Section 30061 requires that a local juvenile justice plan be developed by the local juvenile justice coordinating council in each county with the membership described in Section 749.22 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The plan is reviewed and modified annually by the council and by the County Board of Supervisors. The plan is then submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) by May 1st of each year for approval. BSCC requires that all programs have an articulated and justifiable evidence basis, capture specific and mandated outcomes, be evaluated, and serve a specifically identified population.

GC Section 30061 further requires that local juvenile justice plans shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:

- An assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

- An identification and prioritization of the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas in the community that face a significant public safety risk from juvenile crime, such as gang activity, daylight burglary, late-night robbery, vandalism, truancy, controlled substances sales, firearm-related violence, and juvenile substance abuse and alcohol use.
- A local juvenile justice action strategy that provides for a continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency, and demonstrates a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Additionally, GC Section 30061 requires that programs proposed to be funded shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be based on programs and approaches that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing delinquency and addressing juvenile crime for any elements of response to juvenile crime and delinquency, including prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation.
- Collaborate and integrate services of all the resources set forth in the statute to the extent appropriate.
- Employ information sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated and designed to provide data for measuring the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.
- Adopt goals related to the outcome measures that shall be used to determine the effectiveness of the local juvenile justice action strategy.

Substantive modifications to the County's Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice plan requiring BSCC approval include adding or deleting a program, major changes in the GC target population served by a program, demonstrated effectiveness evidence, and significant changes in program outcomes that impact reporting requirements.

State law requires that the following outcomes be assessed for approved programs: arrest rate, rate of successful completion of probation, incarceration rate, probation violation rate, rates of completion of restitution and court-ordered community service, and annual per capita program costs.

Utilization of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Fund

A JJCC meeting has been scheduled for August 14, 2015, at which time the Board's motion will be discussed. A motion will be put before JJCC to allocate \$1,000,000 to each Supervisorial District.

JJCC had previously authorized the one-time allocation of \$8,000,000 to fund the New Direction Early Intervention and Diversion program for two years. A separate motion will be made before JJCC to authorize the extension of the New Direction program by an additional two years, for a total of four years, and allocate an additional one-time amount of \$6,500,000, bringing the overall allocation to \$14,500,000. The budget will be readjusted accordingly over the four years and the program further extended as resources allow. This additional expenditure will also require JJCC approval and it should be noted that the funding levels are based on estimates.

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New Direction is an early intervention and diversion program designed to provide at-risk youth and first-time offenders and their families with the coordinated supportive services necessary to decrease the likelihood of ongoing delinquency and increase the potential for keeping these youth and families outside of the delinquency system. Participants will be referred to a current Department of Mental Health contracted community-based organization for a full in-home psycho-social comprehensive assessment, including mental health, health, and substance abuse.

It is further proposed that the remaining \$1,500,000 be allocated to enhance JJCPA employment and vocational training services. The Probation Department (Probation) intends to enter into an agreement with the Department of Community and Senior Services to deliver the services proportionately to each Supervisorial District.

This proposal will fully exhaust the \$21,000,000 in the JJCPA trust account.

We are also requesting a sixty day extension to allow Probation sufficient time to finalize all additional funding proposals.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, your staff may contact Sheila Williams, Chief Executive Office, at (213) 974-1155 or Reaver Bingham, Probation, at (562) 940-2513.

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